

## Final Report on the Workshop

### “Prejudgments and Prejudices: Scrutinizing Background Ideas in International Relations”

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As required by the regulations of the *International Studies Association* we are hereby submitting the final report on our workshop “Prejudgments and Prejudices: Scrutinizing Background Ideas in International Relations”, which we held on March 25, 2014. We would like to thank the organizers of the conference and the Research & Workshop Grants Committee for their support and their helpful guidance in planning and implementing the workshop.

#### 1) Budget Expenses

As table 1 shows, the actual expenses for our workshop are far below the authorized amount of USD 4633.00, because three participants (Neumann, Kuenkler, Ish Shalom) had to cancel their participation and one participant (Kaufman) informed us that the ISA would cover his expenses. Overall, our workshop requires a funding of **USD 3,061.00**.

**Table 1** Overview of authorized and required expenses

	Participants	Authorized		Required	
		Hotel	per diem	Hotel	per diem
#1	Markus Kornprobst	374.00	150.00	374.00	150.00
#2	Martin Senn	374.00	150.00	374.00	150.00
#3	Neta Carol Crawford	187.00	75.00	187.00	75.00
#4	Stuart Kaufman*	187.00	75.00		
#5	Iver B. Neumann**	374.00	150.00		
#6	Inderjeet Parmar	374.00	150.00	374.00	150.00
#7	Corneliu Bjola	374.00	150.00	374.00	150.00

#8	<del>Piki Ish-Shalom***</del>	<del>374.00</del>	<del>150.00</del>		
#9	Mirjam Kuenkler**	187.00	75.00		
	Hotel sub-total	2,805.00	1,125.00	1,683.00	675.00
	per diem sub-total	1,125.00		675.00	
	Meeting Room Rental	200.00		200.00	
	Projector setup	350.00		350.00	
	Coffee breaks (\$8.5 x 2 x 9)	153.00		153.00	
Total	<b>authorized</b>	<b>4,633.00</b>	<b>required</b>	<b>3,061.00</b>	

\* expenses already covered by ISA

\*\* participation cancelled

\*\*\* *participation cancelled - other workshop (PWK07)*

## 2) Description of Workshop

We started the workshop with brief words of welcome to our participants and an introduction to the rationale and structure of our workshop. Given the small number of participants in our workshop, we are able to devote time slots of 90-100 min. for the presentation and discussion of each of the five papers. The papers are listed in the order of their presentation:

Stuart Kaufman

Prejudice and Symbolic Predispositions: Psychology and its Implications for IR Theory

Inderjeet Parmar

Racial and Imperial Thinking in International Politics: Truman, Attlee and the Korean War

Neta Crawford

"War! What Is It Good For?" Rethinking the Utility and Costs of Violence and War

Corneliu Bjola

Diplomatic Agency as World Disclosure

Markus Kornprobst/Martin Senn

Foregrounding Background Contestations: Humanitarianism, Strategy, and Nuclear Non-proliferation

The intense discussions of the workshop papers helped us to find common ground and major differences between different conceptualizations of background ideas as well as to

explore different methodologies that allow us to identify the deep-seated fabric of international relations. They also provided us with important input on causes and mechanism of deep ideational change as well as with a number of important questions for a follow-up event that will take place at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna.

In the final part of the workshop we discussed different publication strategies with our participants. In the course of this debate we agreed on submitting a proposal for the 2015 special issue of the *Review of International Studies*.

### **3) Publication Plans**

Following our discussions during the workshop, we drafted and submitted a proposal for the 2015 special issue of the *Review of International Studies*. This special issue would include the five papers presented at our ISA workshop and four additional papers. As alternative journals for the publication of our work we are considering *International Politics*, *International Political Sociology*, and *International Theory*.